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Diplomatic History Series

RICHARD IMMERMAN

"The CIA: Its Origin, Its Transformation, and Its Militarization"

Thursday, January 16, 2014, 12:00PM - 1:30PM

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1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

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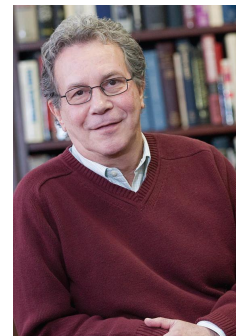
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Richard H. Immerman is professor of history at Temple University and the Marvin Wachman Director of its Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy. He has received the Board of Regents Excellence in Research Award from the University of Hawaii and the Paul W. Eberman Faculty Research Award from Temple. In 2004 Immerman was named the College of Liberal Arts' Edward J. Butkus Family Distinguished Faculty Fellow in History. His *The CIA in Guatemala: The Foreign Policy of Intervention*, won the Stuart Bernath Book Prize from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations in 1983, and he delivered SHAFR's 1990 Bernath Lecture. He served as SHAFR's 40th president in 2007.

Among his other publications are *Waging Peace: How Eisenhower Shaped an Enduring Cold War Strategy* (with Robert R. Bowie); *John Foster Dulles: Piety, Pragmatism, and Power in U.S. Foreign Policy*; and *Empire for Liberty: A History of American Imperialism from Benjamin Franklin to Paul Wolfowitz*. Immerman co-edited the *Oxford Handbook of the Cold War*, and his *The Hidden Hand: A Brief History of the CIA* will be published in spring 2014. From September 2007-January 2009 Immerman served as assistant deputy director of national intelligence for analytic integrity and standards and analytic ombudsman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He currently chairs the Historical Advisory Committee to the Department of State and holds the Francis W. De Serio Chair in Strategic Intelligence at the Army War College.

Abstract

The contemporary CIA more closely resembles Hollywood's fictional portrayal than the institution envisioned by the Truman administration and Congress in 1947. During the initial Cold War years, a confluence of bureaucratic politics, individual initiatives, and strategic preferences rapidly and radically transformed the CIA's identity from an agency established to collect and analyze intelligence to one preoccupied with covert and paramilitary operations. This legacy of distorted purpose continues to plague the CIA today. With the onset of the Global War on Terror it has evolved into what journalists describe as a "Killing Machine." This talk by Richard H. Immerman traces this history and argues that the intelligence challenges of the 21st century demand that the CIA recommit itself to the "original intent" of its designers by rededicating itself to its core mission of analysis.



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